

REMARKS

Claims 2-5, 7-11 and 13-20 are pending in the application. Claims 2-4, 7, 9, 13-15, 17 and 18 have been amended. Claims 1, 6 and 12 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

It is noted with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated that claims 2, 4, 7, 8-11, 13, 15 and 18-20 would be allowable if rewritten to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 2, 4 and 9 have been amended to incorporate all the limitations of base claim 1, there being no intervening claims. Claim 3 has been amended to depend on claim 2. Claims 5 and 10 depend on claims 4 and 9, respectively, and claim 11 depends on claim 10. Accordingly, claims 2-5 and 9-11 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 7 has been amended to incorporate all the limitations of base claim 1 and of intervening claim 6. Claim 8 depends on claim 7. Accordingly, claim 7 and 8 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 13, 15 and 18 have been amended to incorporate all the limitations of base claim 12, there being no intervening claims. Claims 14 and 17 have been amended to depend on claim 13. Claims 16 and 19 depend on claims 15 and 18, respectively, and claim 20 depends on claim 19. Accordingly, claims 13-20 are in condition for allowance.

The Office Action rejects claim 8 under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112 as indefinite because "about" is a relative term. Claim 8 has been amended to eliminate "about". Accordingly, it is submitted that the rejection of claim 8 under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112 is obviated by the amendment.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 12, 14, 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as unpatentable over David C. Gibbon, 'Automated Authoring of Hypermedia Documents of Video Programs', ACM Multimedia 1995, pages 1-12, hereafter Gibbons. This rejection is moot since claims 1, 6 and 12 have been canceled and claims 3, 5, 14, 16 and 17 have been amended so as to be in condition for allowance as noted above.

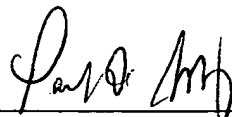
For the reason set forth above, it is submitted that the rejection of claims 3, 5, 14, 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is obviated by the amendment and should be withdrawn.

The Office Action cites a number of patents that were not applied in the rejections of the claims. These patents have been reviewed, but are believed to be inapplicable to the claims.

It is respectfully requested for the reasons set forth above that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 and 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be withdrawn, that claims 2-5, 7-11 and 13-20 be allowed and that this application be passed to issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

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